

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle



Spc. Gaelen Lowers

From Left: Roni Stevens, Corkan Family Fun Center manager; Under Secretary of the Army Nelson Ford; teens Josh Rodgers and Kelly McKinnon; Stewart-Hunter Garrison Commander Col. Todd Buchs, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin cut the ribbon officially opening Fort Stewart's Corkan Teen Recreation Center, Dec. 16.

Installation opens Corkan Teen Center

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The grand opening of the Corkan Recreation Teen Center, building 438 was held here Dec. 16.

The event included food served from the teen center's kitchen; entertainment; door prizes, including MP3 players, food coupons, discounts to activities on base and iPods; 106.1 radio station give-aways; and special guest speaker, the Honorable Robert M. Ford, Under Secretary of the Army.

The teen center was designed by teens for teens, said Josh Rodgers in a

teen testimonial about the newly opened center. The teens worked with the design team, providing valuable input and continued to work with management on the interior colors, flooring, games and furniture. Teens now are involved in the planning activities, events and programs to peak interest and maintain participation of the all teen groups.

It was decided to be built to meet the growing leisure, recreational and fitness needs of the Fort Stewart community, said Jeff Fornshell, installation ceremony coordinator. The teen center will provide a safe environment for Fort Stewart

teens, ages 13-17.

The teen center includes a gaming room with flat screen TVs for watching movies and gaming on the free Nintendo Wii and X-Box 360, as well as lounge chairs, air hockey and basketball.

The café offers light snacks, smoothies, espressos and cappuccinos.

The entertainment room is completely black with checkerboard floor. It has a state-of-the-art sound system and 76 LED audio activated lights to create the perfect "teen club" atmosphere.

"This teen center is part of our ongoing commitment to honor the Army Family Covenant," said Ford. "And our

obligations to Soldiers and their Families. We recruit Soldiers, but in the end we want to retain Families. I hope this building will help make the retention decision for Families that much easier, helping us keep the Army the strength of the nation."

The facility, though primarily designed for teens is available for private parties, activities, programs, meetings and unit functions outside of their published hours.

For more information, call 767-6708.

Editor's Note: *Information in this article was provided by Bob Matthews, MWR.*

Marriage retreat builds stronger foundation for couples

Pfc. Crystal M. Bradley
2nd BCT Public Affairs

Thirteen Soldiers and their spouses from 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd BCT attended a couples retreat, Dec. 11-13 at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simon's Island.

Soldiers and their spouses participated in marriage enhancement sessions, helped themselves to meals, and spent some quality time together during the retreat.

Power Point slides, handouts, and brochures served as sources of information used throughout the marital counseling sessions during the retreats.

Major Sid Taylor, 2nd Brigade Combat Team chaplain, instructed and led the discussions at the sessions.

"The retreat helped me to build a stronger relationship with my wife," said Pvt. Justin Nickels, HHC, 2nd BCT. "We had a chance to meet other married couples, and it's been cool to listen to and learn from their experiences."

Nickels said that the retreat was just what he and his wife needed, especially since he recently returned from deployment.

"My wife and I have been married for two years, but fifteen months of those two years, we were separated because I was deployed," said Nickels. "Things like this give you a chance to re-establish a bond with someone you haven't seen for 12 to 15 months," he said.

Nickels' wife, Katherine, said that when her husband first mentioned the retreat to her, she wasn't really excited because she didn't know what to expect.

"I really didn't know how it was going to be, but I

am glad I came. The location is wonderful; the scenery is really pretty and the accommodations are nice," she said.

Katherine said that both she and her husband gained some valuable knowledge from the event.

"The biggest thing that we learned about was communication skills. The classes showed us how to talk to each other like adults without yelling and arguing," said Katherine.

Staff Sergeant Betty Brime, HHC, 2nd BCT chaplain assistant and retreat attendee, said that the object of the couples retreat was to provide marriage enrichment courses, to help Soldiers and their spouses to bond and to give Soldiers a chance to relax.

Brime also said that because of the rate of deployment at 3rd Infantry Division, programs like this are good for Soldiers and their Families.

She said that the couples really seemed to enjoy the retreat.

"I believe most of the couples were happy to just away and see some different sites," she said. "Their level of participation and input in the sessions was exceptional," she said.

Brime said that the

information put out by the chaplain at the retreat was very beneficial.

"I brought my husband along with me to the retreat, and we both found the information taught in the sessions to be useful. So, personally, this has been a good experience for me, and I think it is safe to say, as a whole, the other couples feel the same way," she said.

Brime said that 2nd BCT would be organizing two more retreats before deployment, one retreat for single Soldiers and one retreat for married Soldiers.



Courtesy photo

Spartan Soldiers and their spouses listen as Maj. Sid Taylor, 2nd BCT chaplain, gives them tips on developing and maintaining successful marriages during the couples retreat at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simon's Island, Dec. 12.



Courtesy photo

Third Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, his wife Ginger and Winston, their pet Saint Bernard, pose for a holiday photo at the pet boarding facility.

Make your pet's Christmas picture-perfect at Stewart

Bob Mathews
MWR Marketing Publicity Specialist

Do you love to take photos of your pets? Ever want to be in the photo with them?

The Pet Boarding Facility at Fort Stewart is all set to give you an opportunity to have a photo taken with you and your pet, dressed in holiday style - as the Christmas song goes.

The photos will be taken by appointment only in 15-minute intervals from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 20 at the boarding facility, building 8324 off Highway 144 on Fort Stewart Road 48 in the Holbrook Pond Recreation Area.

Photos will cost \$10 each. Pet owners are asked to call 435-8052 to schedule an appointment.

Dress your dog or cat in a holiday costume (and wear something holiday-ish yourself, if you like) for the photo session.

If you do not have a costume, there is no problem according to Lisa Taitt, manager of the boarding facility on Fort Stewart.

The boarding facility will have some costumes available.

"The setting for the photos will be very festive and will include a stuffed Santa and a reindeer. We know that some pets just won't sit still for a costume," Taitt said.

Taitt said the photos will be taken in a fenced area outside the Pet Boarding Facility, so the pets must be on a leash or harness. Patrons can bring more than one pet if they like.

MWR Briefs

Open bowling at Marne Lanes

League play has finished for the holidays at Marne Lanes bowling center, building 402, and that means all lanes are open during the evenings with no waiting time. Come on out and take advantage of availability of lanes. League play resumes Jan. 3, 2009. For more information, call 767-4866.

UFC 92 to show at Rocky's

Join us for The Ultimate Fighting Championship 2008 featuring three historic fights, 10 p.m., Dec. 27 at Rocky's, building 703. Live on Pay-Per-View: original fighters Forrest Griffin vs. Rashad "Sugar" Evans, Antonio Rodrigo Nogueira vs. Frank Mir, and Wanderlei "The Axe Murderer" Silva vs. Quinton "Rampage" Jackson. The event is open to military ID cardholders, free. For more information, call 767-8715.

New Year's Eve celebrated at Corkan

The staff at Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449, has planned for lots of good clean fun from 2-6 p.m., Dec. 31 for the whole Family while you celebrate the coming of the New Year. Doors will open at noon to allow Families to get ready for festivities. The cost is \$20 for Family of four. For more details, call 767-9884.

Enjoy New Year's Eve moonlight bowling

Bring in the New Year with strikes and spares from 6 p.m. to midnight Dec. 31 at Marne Lanes bowling center, building 402. Marne has planned different bowling events throughout evening, with prizes awarded for high game, high series and other events. The cost is \$2 per game and \$1.75 for shoes. For more information, call 767-4866.

Club Stewart hosts New Year's Eve party

Come out and join the New Year's Eve celebration at Club Stewart, building 405, starting at 8 p.m., Dec. 31 and continuing until 3 a.m., Jan. 1, 2009.

There will be a split of champagne to first 500 people, party favors, entertainment (70's, 80's, 90's, Salsa and Now music) in different rooms, a balloon drop at midnight, plus Southern cuisine dinner and breakfast available for purchase. For more information and details, call 368-2212.

New Year's party

Rocky's (building 703) will rock from 8 p.m., Dec. 31 until 3 a.m., Jan. 1, 2009 in celebration of the New Year's arrival. There will be a champagne toast, party favors, entertainment and a balloon drop at midnight. Open to Department of Defense ID cardholders only. For more information and details, call 767-8715.

Skeet/trap range hours announced

Beginning Jan. 1, the skeet/trap range will be open 3-7 p.m. each Thursday, 4-6 p.m. each Friday and 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday. Club members are reminded that to access the range, shooters must come to the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Checkout Center, building 8325 and present their membership card to sign out the keys. After-hours shooters are asked to see the camp host at Site No. 1 Holbrook Pond Campground to sign out the keys. Keys must be signed back in by 9 p.m. For more information, contact Range Manager Michael Moore at 435-8205, 435-8061 or 435-8219.

Cardboard vessel regatta to launch

Come out and compete against one another in Regatta cup race 3 p.m., Jan. 2 at Newman Fitness Center Indoor Pool, building 439. Looking for FRG groups, military units or Department of Defense civilian organizations to design cardboard vessels and show off their nautical skills. Awards will be presented for best looking design and most sea worthy vessel. Construction tips and rules available at Newman Fitness. Register by calling 767-3034.

Chinese New Year's Sunday brunch offered

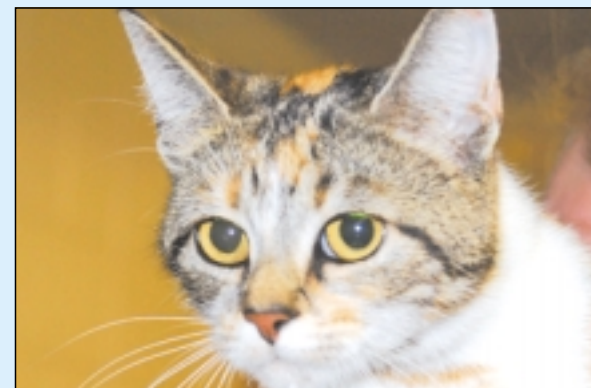
If you're hungry for Chinese, don't miss this Sunday brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Jan. 11 at Club Stewart, building 405. The menu features breakfast items, fried dumplings, pepper steak, egg rolls with duck sauce, sweet and sour pork, pork fried rice, beef with broccoli, stir fry station (with chicken, shrimp and oriental vegetables), sushi, fortune cookies on each table, cold and hot rice wine, oriental beer, fruit palm tree and assorted desserts. The cost is \$11.95 per person, children (ages 5-10) half price, and children (4 and under) free. Bring a church bulletin and receive \$1 off

each meal cost. For more information, call 368-2212.

New Year's kid's cooking-class slated

Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, crafts, and more at the Chinese New Years Cooking Class from 3-5 p.m., Jan. 11 at Club Stewart, building 405. The cost is \$5 per child (ages 5-12). Reservations are required, as space is limited. For more information, or to register call 368-2212.

Pets of the Week



Wilma the cat and Bruno the dog are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

Advancements at Winn help customer care

Ann Erickson
Winn Public Affairs

Winn Army Community Hospital continues to move forward with technologies that are offered to its patients.

Throughout the past few months, Winn has implemented a new inpatient electronic medical record system. This new system keeps track of every procedure or test done on patients admitted to the hospital on a minute-by-minute basis. As such, the system will not capture outpatient records.

The whole effort in electronic health records is to improve the quality of care, improve the safety of care, and improve better follow-up and tracking to ensure individuals are coming back and getting needed care.

On medical-surgical floors and in other acute care settings, physicians and nurses need reliable

access to comprehensive, accurate patient records and clinical data to gain a complete picture of patients' status. They value easy-to-use, effective tools for charting and ordering that allow them to accelerate workflow—rather than burden it.

The electronic system accommodates the departmental workflow patterns to improve the way care givers work in acute settings. Our system offers enterprise-wide functionality, from emergency to perinatal to critical care and beyond. With greater continuity of data, patients will benefit from coordinated care. The physicians and nurses are able to input, edit, or access vital signs, medications intake and output readings as well as give patient education materials.

This new electronic system is just one way that Winn is continuing to improve the quality of care delivered to patients.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

December 2

• **Caesar Aidan Davis**, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Tyrone Davis and Sgt. Mayra Davis.

• **Briana McKynz Saje Schirtzinger**, a girl, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Pvt. Brandon-Paul Slade Schirtzinger and Sara Jean Schirtzinger.

• **Miyah Khrystyne Watson**, a girl, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Amos Lenard Watson and Spc. Dominique Watson.

December 6

• **Logan Michael Conner Ruby**, a boy, 9 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Daniel Eugene Ruby and Spc. Melanie Nicole Renee Ruby.

December 4

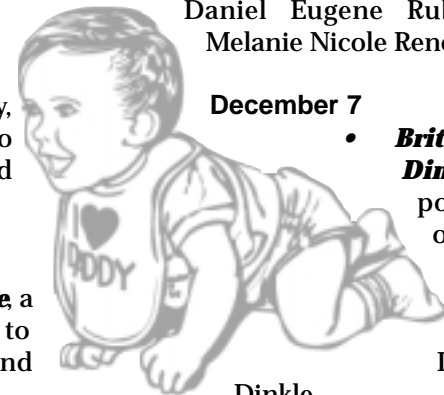
• **Creston Brae Fuller**, a boy, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Pfc. Aaron Blaine Fuller and Sarah Ann Fuller.

December 5

• **Cheyenne Olivia Osborne**, a girl, 5 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Garland W. Osborne and Mira Osborne.

December 7

• **Brittany Nicole Dinkle**, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Shayne A. Dinkle and Delana D.



Dinkle.

Winn Briefs

Winn reduced operations

On Dec. 19 starting at 11 a.m., Winn Army Community Hospital, Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will have reduced operations due to holiday celebrations. Full operations resume Dec. 22. For more information, call 435-6965.

Winn entrance closed

The Outpatient Records/Clinic entrance at Winn Army Community Hospital will be closed today through Dec. 21 for construction. Please use other entrances during this time. The

entrance will re-open Dec. 22. We appreciate your patience and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Book appointments

Want an alternative to calling the appointment line? TRICARE online could be your answer. You can book your appointments online at the TRICARE online Web site, www.tricareonline.com. This link is also available through the Winn Army Community Hospital home-page online at www.winn.amedd.army.mil.

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Spc. Monica K. Smith

Chaplain (Maj.) Grace Hollis-Taylor, the Combat Aviation Brigade chaplain speaks during the brigade's first post-deployment prayer luncheon, Dec. 11 at the CAB Soldier's Inn dining facility at Hunter Army Airfield.

CAB holds spiritual luncheon

Spc. Monica K. Smith

CAB Public Affairs

A female voice could be heard over the noise of the Soldiers eating their lunch at the Combat Aviation Brigade's Soldier Inn dining facility, Dec. 11 at Hunter Army Airfield.

"After you feed your belly," the voice said, "come and feed your soul."

The voice belonged to Chap. (Maj.) Grace Hollis-Taylor, the Combat Aviation Brigade chaplain who was inviting Soldiers to attend the brigade's first prayer luncheon since its return from Iraq.

"This is food for your soul," said Hollis-Taylor during the luncheon. "You are not alone. God is able to do exceedingly, immeasurably more than we can do or think."

The luncheon included prayers from Chap. (Capt.) Jonathan Fisher, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, and Chap. (Capt.) Andrew Shulman, 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment and a scripture reading from Staff Sgt. Howard Thompson, member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, CAB, and chaplain's assistant to Hollis-Taylor.

"It's part of the spiritual fitness

program," said Hollis-Taylor. "We're trying to take care of the Soldiers, their heart, spirit and soul – the human element, and to encourage them."

A portion of the dining facility was separated for the luncheon and Soldiers flowed in and out of the room as their lunch-time permitted.

"I think as a Soldier it's important to have some kind of faith," said Pvt. Charles Bowling, member of HHC, CAB. "With all the things Soldiers go through, it's important to still have faith in something bigger than ourselves."

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Saturday Vigil Mass	Main Post Chapel	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
Protestant		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Kids' Church	Diamond Elementary	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Marne	9:30 a.m.
Islamic		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	1:30 p.m.
Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546.		
Jewish		
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 980-9295.		
Friday	Marne	11:30 a.m.

Latter-Day Saints		
Sunday	220 Sandy Run Drive, Hinesville	9 a.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	11 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Chapel	9 a.m.

Kids Church

Where God rocks

10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday
at Stewart School Age Services, across from
Diamond Elementary; or at Hunter Chapel
Fellowship Hall, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

For all kids Grade K-5

Fort Stewart bus pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, email
fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior
High School Students!

Join us for
free games and pizza
Sunday • 6 to 8 p.m.

at the Stewart Youth Activity
Center, building 7338.

For more information,
contact jerry.e.thompson@comcast.net

or
call 877-7207

Mass Choir rehearsals announced

The Liberty County Community Mass Choir is looking for interested participants. If you would like to sing with this choir, please contact Judy Forshee at 977-5918 or email judith.forshee@us.army.mil or Ronald Calhoun at 786-5787 extension 209 or e-mail rcalhoun@schoolofchurchmusic.org.

Opportunities are also available for the Community Chorus, soloist, ensemble and quartet. Come and join this great community fellowship. The 2009 Concert Season begins Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2009.



Enjoy the holidays at Davenport House

The Isaiah Davenport House Museum hosts holiday evening tours by candlelight 6-8:30 p.m., Dec. 26-30. The Davenport House is located at 324 East State St. in Savannah on the corner of Habersham and State streets at Columbia Square. The house museum explores the December celebrations of the early 19th century inhabitants. The cost for adults is \$8 for advance registration, \$10 at the door. For children ages 6 – 18-years-old, the cost is \$5 in advance or \$7 at door. For more information, call 236-8097 or e-mail jcredle@savbusiness.net.

Enjoy holiday open house

Community members are invited to tour the Coastal Living and Cottage Living Magazines 2008 Holiday Coastal Cottage at Yellow Bluff in Midway, Ga. through Sunday. Tickets are \$10 a person with proceeds to benefit local charities. In addition, a day of fun is planned at Lyman Hall on Shaw Road in Hinesville, starting 1 p.m., Dec. 19 with a "Fishing with Santa" photo opportunity and cookie decorating, 1-5 p.m.; dancing in the streets by area dance companies, 2-3 p.m.; and holiday caroling, 1-5 p.m. Furthermore, a number of authors will be available, 1-5 p.m. for book signing, including Betty Londergan, Holly McClure, Cappy Hall Rearick, Harry Rubin, Buddy Sullivan and Linda Whitten.

Enjoy Luminary Fun Night

Bring your kids and pets for pictures at the Luminary Fun Night with Santa 5 p.m., Dec. 20 at Skidaway Island State Park. Meet Santa then walk our enchanted luminary trail, make holiday arts and crafts and enjoy caroling on hayrides. There will be holiday treats, hot chocolate and warm cider while you explore our nature museum with wildlife, fossil exhibits and live animals. Cost is \$3 picture with Santa and \$3 parking. For more information call, 912-598-2300, or visit www.gastateparks.org.

Polar Bear Plunge slated

Take the Polar Bear Plunge, Jan. 1 as the 7th annual event, sponsored by the Tybee Island Fun Bunch. The event takes place at Tybee Pier and Pavilion, starting at 11 a.m. Come on out for the cold fun plunge. Wear your funny hats and costumes. Unofficial awards presented for the wackiest duds. Swim begins at high noon. Free admission and parking. For more information, call at 912-667-8702. **Directions:** Take I-95 north toward Savannah then take I-16 east. Take exit 167B to merge onto Montgomery St., then take right on W. Liberty St., left on E. Broad St., and right on E. Presidents St. Continue on Island Expressway to Tybee Island.

New Year's Bluegrass Festival

Come on down to Jekyll Island Jan. 1-3 and enjoy some great bluegrass music, noon to 10 p.m. at the Jekyll Island Convention Center. Performers include Rhonda Vincent, Ralph Stanley, Cherry Holmes, Grascals, Lewis Family, Larry Stephenson Band, Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver, Bluegrass Brothers, Goldwing Express, Inspirations, Larry Sparks, Gary Waldrep Band, Carolina Road Band, Chuck Wagon Gang, Gibson Brothers and many others. Admission and parking \$35 per day reserved; \$30 per day general admission. For more information, call 706-864-7203. **Directions:** Take I-95 south to Brunswick, exit 29. Take U.S. 17 and Ga. 520 southeast then Ga. 520 east to Jekyll Island.

Take a guided winter hike

Bring the whole Family, bundle up and burn off some of that holiday excess on a moderate hike along roadways and through woodlands in the beautiful Georgia mountains at the Smithgall Woods Conservation Area and Lodge. We'll be stopping along the way at points of interests Jan. 5 with lots of photo opportunities. Free admission. Parking is \$3.

For more information, call 706-878-3087. **Directions:** Take U.S. 301 north through Claxton to I-16. Take I-16 west to Macon then take I-75 north to Atlanta. Take I-675 to I-285 then take I-85 northeast to I-985. At exit 24,

take U.S. 129 north to the town of Cleveland then take Ga. 75 to Helen. Follow signs to Smithgall Woods Conservation Area

Model railroad train show slated

The 20th Annual Savannah Model Railroad and Train Show is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jan. 17; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 18 at the National Guard Armory on Eisenhower Dr. Everyone is invited to experience the wonder and thrill of model railroading. Admission is \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, children under 12 with parent are free. Call 912-921-4700 for more information. **Directions:** From I-95 north, take Exit 204 east toward Savannah, turn right on Abercorn St., then right on Eisenhower Dr.

Martin Luther King parade scheduled

Bring the Family to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Broughton St. for a multicultural parade celebrating the life and achievements of the late civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr. Free admission. For more information, call 912-234-5502. **Directions:** Take I-95 north to I-16 then I-16 east to Montgomery St., left on Liberty St., then right on Martin Luther King Blvd. to Broughton St.

Visit Hoggetowne Medieval Faire

Experience the sights and sounds of the Middle Ages at the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire at the Alachua County Fairgrounds on Jan. 24-25; 30-31; and Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cheer on royal knights jousting, enjoy jugglers, jesters, magicians, musicians on eight stages with food fit for a king. Continuous entertainment includes Celtic music, witty comedians, gypsy dancers, period-style singers and mystifying magicians. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children (5-17). For more information, call 352-393-8536. **Directions:** Take I-95 to Jacksonville, taking I-295 west to I-10. Go west on I-10 to exit 343, taking U.S. 301 south to Waldo.

Lowcountry Oyster Festival slated

Enjoy the Lowcountry Oyster Festival in Mount Pleasant, S.C., a two-day tribute to the mighty mollusk so many of us know and love.

Early on a cold Sunday morning, two gigantic tractor trailers filled with 65,000 pounds of oysters will roll onto the polo fields at Boone Hall Plantation, the prelude to the Lowcountry Oyster Festival. Highlights of Sunday's "rain or shine" main event include the legendary "Oyster Shucking and Eating Contest," a Beer and Wine Tasting Tent (products from around the world), live bands on the main stage and a Kids Corner (complete with a petting zoo).

Admission tickets are \$12 and children under 10 are free. For more information, call 843-364-0971. **Directions:** Take I-95 north to Walterboro, exit 53. Turn onto SC 63 east, which will run into U.S. 17 Alternate north. Stay on U.S. 17 Alternate through Summerville and Moncks Corner, all the way to Georgetown, then Charleston then Mt. Pleasant.

Gullah celebration held

Bring the whole Family to Hilton Head Island Feb. 1-28 for a celebration of the Gullah culture and its West African heritage. Through art and craft displays, food and entertainment, learn that Gullah is more than just a language. Prices for various events vary. For more information, call 843-689-9314. **Directions:** Take I-95 north to exit 8 then take U.S. 278 to Hilton Head Island.

Florida State Fair scheduled

The annual Florida State Fair is a salute to the state's agriculture and equestrian industry Feb. 5-16, including an abundance of shows, music, rides, food and shopping for 12 consecutive days. Gates open daily at 9 a.m. Plenty of free entertainment and exhibits included with \$6-\$10 admission. Free parking. For more information, call 813-621-7821. **Directions:** Take I-95 south to I-295 east to I-10 east. At

exit 343, take U.S. 301 south to Ocala then take I-75 to Tampa. At intersection with I-4, turn east to U.S. 301 then exit for state fairgrounds.

Savannah Book Festival

Join 40 authors and thousands of readers on Telfair Square in downtown Savannah a the premier literary event Feb. 6-8. Browse among the booksellers and exhibitors while enjoying live music, food vendors, spoken word artists and events for children. Free admission.

For more information, call 912-358-0575. **Directions:** Take I-95 to I-16, turning east toward downtown Savannah. Turn onto Montgomery St. then right on Oglethorpe Ave. then left on Barnard St. to Telfair Square.

Black Heritage Festival

This all-day affair provides a cultural learning village for children, arts and craft demonstrations, entertainment, a health and wellness fair and various vendors. Free admission and parking. For more information, call 351-6320. **Directions:** Take I-16 E to Montgomery St. exit then right onto Liberty St.

Savannah Women's Show

Visit the Women's Show Feb. 6-8 and receive savvy shopping to creative cooking ideas healthy lifestyle tips. Plus, you won't want to miss the trendy fashion shows, great celebrity guests and fabulous prizes. Admission at the door is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12; under 6 are free. For more information, call 447-4000. **Directions:** Take I-95 South; exit 99A to I-16 toward Savannah. Exit 166 toward Louisville Rd/Charleston/Hutchinson Island. Merge onto GA US-17 North; exit Hutchinson Island; slight left onto Wayne Shackelford Blvd; right on International Drive.

Colonial Faire and Muster

Experience colonial Georgia during the 18th century at Wormsloe Historical Site with military encampments Feb. 7-8, a Sutler's row, craft demonstrations, African-American interpretation, period music and dance. Free admission. For more information, call 912-353-3023. **Directions:** Take U.S. 84 north to U.S. 17 near Richmond Hill. Take U.S. 17 north to the Abercorn Expressway. Turn right and stay on Abercorn to Montgomery Crossroad. Turn right on Montgomery Crossroad and follow it until it intersects Skidaway Road. Turn right on Skidaway and watch for signs for Wormsloe.

Olustee Battle Festival

Bring the whole Family to this annual festival and re-enactment of Florida's largest Civil War battle Feb. 13-14. There will be arts and crafts, food and other vendors as well as exhibits. Watch the hundreds of re-enactors who come from miles around to re-enact the Confederate victory of February 20, 1864 in the pine woods, 13 miles east of Lake City. Free admission and parking. For more information, call 386-755-1097. **Directions:** Take I-95 south to Jacksonville, turning onto I-295 east then I-10 toward Lake City. At exit 324, turn onto U.S. 90 east to the town of Olustee. Follow directions to Olustee Battle Site.

Mardi Gras Festival and Ball

Bring the whole Family to St. Marys for a Family-oriented festival Feb. 20-22. The event features a bicycle tour, 5K run, street dance, parade, plus arts and crafts, food and other vendors. The fun begins on Friday night, Feb. 20, 2009 with the arrival of the Mardi Gras king and queen at 7 p.m. The fun continues the royalty's arrival with a street dance. After the festival, there's a formal costume ball and dinner, bringing a little bit of New Orleans to Georgia. Free admission and parking for festival. Call 800-868-8687 for ticket information about ball and dinner. **Directions:** Take I-95 south to Kingsland, Ga., turning onto Ga. 40 east at exit 3. Follow this road into St. Marys, watching for directions to Convention & Visitor Bureau.

87th CSSB learns about Pulaski history with battalion staff ride

Special to the Frontline

The officers of the 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion invaded Savannah Nov. 14 for their first staff ride since returning from Iraq in July. Led by the 396th Transportation Company, the staff ride included a tour of Fort Pulaski and a guided tour of Savannah's historic district.

The staff ride began early in the morning at Fort Pulaski. The Park Rangers offered an interesting and informative guided tour throughout the fort.

"I thought the staff was very knowledgeable," said 2nd Lt. Chris Brunner, 87th CSSB, about his Fort Pulaski experience. "The views from the fort were amazing, and to see such an old fort in such good shape was also good to see."

Fort Pulaski played an important role in our nation's history. It was here that a young Lieutenant Robert E. Lee was first stationed and helped supervise construction of the fort. During the Civil War, the

seemingly impenetrable brick walls were devastated by new rifling technology in artillery. Confederate Soldiers spent months improving the fortifications and preparing for a long siege. Union forces landed on Tybee Island and worked under the cover of darkness to move rifled artillery pieces into firing positions.

After the Confederate commander declined an invitation to surrender, Union guns began pounding the mighty walls. After less than 36 hours of firing the walls were crumbling and the Confederated gun powder magazine was exposed, compelling their surrender.

The captured fort was later used by the Union Army as a prison, housing hundreds of captured Confederate officers during the war, as well as many Southern governors and Confederate cabinet members after the war.

The Battle of Fort Pulaski had significant strategic and historical consequences. The destructive power of artillery surpassed the defensive value of fortifica-

tions and rendered most fortresses obsolete. After the war, the fort fell into disrepair until named a National Park by President Calvin Coolidge.

After their tour of Fort Pulaski, the staff ride took a walking tour of Savannah. Led by part-time tour guides (the officers of 396th), the group toured some of Savannah's military landmarks. Looking much like the many tour groups, the 87th spent the afternoon wandering through historic squares, churches, and houses.

First Lieutenant Niya Harris, 87th CSSB, gave presentations about war heroes from Savannah's history.

"I really liked it," Harris said. "It was a great opportunity to learn more about this place I'm stationed at." Highlights included Savannah's most haunted house and a walk through Forsyth Park.

At the end of the day, everyone had learned something about Savannah's military and cultural history and discovered some local attractions that they said were definitely worth a return visit.



Army Community Service

Welcome to the Army Community Service Family Page. Our mission is to provide services to support readiness of Soldiers, their Families, and communities to promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability. We offer training classes, support groups, and Family advocacy programs. Services are offered to active, retired, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers and their Family Members, regardless of branch of service. Department of Defense Civilian Employees are also eligible for most services, as are their Family Members. ACS is a member of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Family, proudly serving America's military.

For information or to register for programs at Fort Stewart, please call 767-5058/5059. For information and registration at Hunter Army Airfield, please call 315-6816.

Learn to manage stress

The holiday season often means added stress which can result in anger and conflict issues. Everyone can benefit from learning skills to cope with stress, positive ways to react to an angry person, and healthy outlets for releasing angry emotions. Come to a free stress and anger management workshop to learn healthy techniques for coping, along with community resources. Call 315-6816 to register for the Jan. 12 workshop at Hunter, or 767-5058/5059 for the Jan. 14 workshop at Stewart.

Need to talk?

The Military and Family Life Consultants are available to provide free and confidential support when you are having difficulty coping with issues related to daily life.

At Hunter, on-post appointments can be made by calling 704-9505. On-post appointments at Stewart can be made by calling either 492-6367, 492-6428, 432-1033, 536-7854, or 432-1798.

If you prefer to meet with a counselor somewhere off-post, please call 432-0013 to schedule an appointment and request a location that is convenient for you.

Walk-in services are also available without appointment at these local community locations: Richmond Hill Library, 1 p.m. each Friday; Glennville Welcome Center, 1 p.m. each Thursday; Pembroke Senior Center, 2 p.m. each Monday, and Hinesville National Guard, 1 p.m. each Wednesday.

Get control of your money

Take advantage of our in-depth financial workshop, First-termer financial training mandatory for E-4 and below, the class is also open to everyone who wants to improve their financial future. This full-day workshop teaches about credit use, managing a bank account, insurance, investments, financial planning for your future, basic car and home buying, bankruptcy and consumer fraud. First-termer workshop is now offered at Stewart every week-day (except Wednesday) and at Hunter on Jan. 6.

Also sign up for Life Without Debt from 6 to 8 p.m., Jan. 14 at Stewart. It is possible to live without debt when you learn to manage your personal finances, understand credit terms, and develop efficient plans to pay off debt!

Please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter to register for finance classes or to schedule an appointment for a personal counseling session. We are here to help.

Investment workshop

Investing is easier than you think! Find out more at Basic Investing, a four-session seminar held Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. beginning Dec. 23 at Stewart. You'll learn about the different types of investment options, products, and languages. With just a little bit of money and a lot of knowledge, you can begin investing in your future.

To reserve your seat at the workshop, call ACS at 767-5058/5059.

Managing expenses

Come to a two-hour class and learn how to plan monthly expenses and how to avoid pitfalls during your move. Financial Planning for Permanent Change of Station is offered every Thursday at Stewart. At Hunter, the briefing is offered on Dec. 23. To register, call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Learn about your toddler

Parents with children ages 1 to 4 are invited to attend a four-week workshop entitled 1,2,3,4 Parents! Offered at Hunter, the class begins Jan. 7 and continues each Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Moms and dads will learn about bonding with your child, how to keep your child safe, why your child acts like he does, and why taking care of yourself is important. Call 315-6816 to register, plan to attend all four sessions.

Music, toys and fun for little ones

Parents are invited with their children (ages 0 to 5) 10 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday to spend time playing together. Led by an energetic and playful adult from our New Parent Support Program, the play mornings are designed for meeting, sharing, and playing with other military Families in a fun, upbeat atmosphere. Come on down and see what all the fun is about! Stewart's play group is held at the Bryan Village Youth Center and Hunter play group meets at New Gannem Community Center. Call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter for directions or more information.

Support group for parents

Come meet other moms and discuss the joys and concerns of parenting your new baby. A caring, knowledgeable professional from new parent support facilitates group discussions on a variety of topics determined by individual and group needs. At Hunter, the group meets at 2 p.m. each Thursday at ACS located on Neal Boulevard, building 1279. At Stewart, interested moms are asked to call 767-5058 and sign-up for the next parenting support group forming now. Your suggestions about meeting location, time, and topics are also welcome.

Baby Bootcamp for Dads

Join other fathers and learn the skills you need to

be a hands-on dad. A class just for men, Baby Bootcamp for Dads will help you build confidence in your ability to take care of your infant's needs. Challenge the stereotype as you network with other fathers, ask questions, and enhance your nurturing side! Call 315-6816 to register for the Jan. 15 class at Hunter, or 767-5058/5059 for the Jan. 29 class at Stewart. Both sessions are conveniently offered from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Plan to attend the ASEP Job Fair

Job seekers are invited to the ASEP Job Fair at Club Stewart from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jan. 21. Meet representatives from the many Army Spouse Employment Partnership corporations who recruit, hire, and retain Army spouses in the midst of the mobile military lifestyle.

Recruitment will be underway for many career fields such as retail sales, hospitality, medical, education, and customer service. For more information, please call the Employment Readiness Program at ACS-Stewart at 767-5058/5059.

Employment readiness team offers workshops

Your Employment Readiness team has put together a variety of workshops to help you succeed in your job search. Begin with Resume Writing to identify your skills and enhance your resume development, offered at Stewart from 2 to 6 p.m. each Monday in January. At Hunter, a resume writing class is offered on two dates beginning at 10 a.m., Jan. 8 and Jan. 22.

If you are seeking a job with the federal government, a special Resumix class shares the insider's tips to entering your resume in the electronic resume system, searching jobs, and maximizing your skills for the most impact. Resumix is offered at Stewart every Wednesday in January and at Hunter Jan. 20.

Also recommended for newly-arriving military Family Members seeking employment is the Employment and Career Orientation offered at both Stewart and Hunter Jan. 6.

The orientation will repeat at Stewart on Jan. 20. Job seekers at Hunter are encouraged to also sign up for Job Hunting 101 for instruction on various topics covering the job search process, Jan. 15.

To prepare for your interviews, sign up for Mock Interviewing where you will practice your interview skills in a small group setting. Mock interviewing is offered Tuesday mornings at Stewart, and Jan. 8 and 22 at Hunter.

To register for employment readiness workshops or to request a personal employment counseling session, please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter. Let us help you get prepared to find the job you want.

Army Special Operations Career Fair

13-14 January 2009, 1000-1900 Hours
Stewart Club, Fort Stewart, GA



Positions are available for Male and Female Soldiers
All active duty Soldiers are encouraged to attend

Call (912) 767-1400 or go to WWW.BRAGG.ARMY.MIL/SORB for more information



PRESENTS
TODAY THROUGH DEC 21

The Changeling

Today — 7 p.m.

(Angelina Jolie, Gattlin Griffith)

Christine said goodbye to her son, Walter, and left for work. When she came home, she discovered he had vanished. A fruitless search ensues, and months later a boy claiming to be the nine-year-old is returned. Dazed by the swirl of cops, reporters, and her conflicted emotions, Christine allows him to stay overnight. But in her heart she knows he is not Walter. As she pushes authorities to keep looking, she learns that in Prohibition-era L.A. women don't challenge the system and live to tell their story. Slandered as delusional and unfit, Christine finds an ally in activist Reverend Briegleb, who helps her fight the city to look for her missing boy. *Rated R (violent/disturbing content, language)* 142 min

Quantum of Solace

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Daniel Craig, Judi Dench)

On a mission that leads him to Austria, Italy and South America, Bond discovers that Greene, conspiring to take total control of one of the world's most important natural resources, is forging a deal with the exiled General Medrano. Using his associates in the organization, and manipulating his powerful contacts within the CIA and the British government, Greene promises to overthrow the existing regime in a Latin American country, giving the General control of the country in exchange for a seemingly barren piece of land. In a minefield of treachery, murder and deceit, Bond allies with old friends in a battle to uncover the truth. *Rated PG-13 (sequences of violence/ action, sexual content)* 110 min

Madagascar Escape 2 Africa

Saturday, Sunday — 5 p.m.

(Ben Stiller, Bernie Mac)

Alex, Marty, Melman, Gloria, King Julien, Maurice,

and the penguins and he chimp find themselves marooned on the distinct shores of Madagascar. In the face of this obstacle, the New Yorkers have hatched a plan so crazy it just might work. With military precision, the penguins have repaired an old crashed plane - sort of. Once aloft, this unlikely crew stays airborne just long enough to make it to the wildest place of all - the vast plains of Africa, where the members of our zoo-raised crew encounter species of their own kind for the very first time. Africa seems like a great place... but is it better than their Central Park home? *Rated PG (mild crude humor)* 110 min



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.

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Winn/Tuttle holiday schedule

Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 are MEDDAC training holidays. Dec. 25 is Christmas day, and Jan. 1 is New Year's day, federal holidays. On those days, services at Winn Army Community Hospital will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. Full operations resume Dec. 29. On Jan. 1-2 services at Winn will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. Full operations resume Jan. 5.

All services at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed Dec. 25 and Dec. 26. Full operations resume Dec. 29. Both clinics will also be closed Jan. 1 and Jan. 2. Full operations resume Jan. 5. For more information, call 435-6965.

Over-the-counter meds available

Selected over-the-counter medications are available to beneficiaries without seeing a doctor from the pharmacies at Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic.

The over-the-counter pharmacy card is no longer used. Simply come to any pharmacy, take a number and when called, tell the pharmacist your symptoms. Certain over-the-counter medications will be screened against your current medications and given based on age restrictions. A valid ID must be presented at the time of request. Limited quantities per visit. For more information, call 767-2672.

Canceling your medical appointment

If you need to cancel your medical appointment, call the cancellation line at 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Follow the prompts to cancel your appointment. This will create more open appointments decrease the length of time it takes to get an appointment. Thank you for helping us by helping you with your access to care.

AAFES announces

The American Armed Forces Exchange Services at Fort Stewart announced Woodruff Theater will be closed for renovation from Jan. 12 through Jan. 30, 2009. Also, operating hours for Godfathers pizza has been extended to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.